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Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
United States Senate
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Dear Senator Biden:

This is in reply to your letter of February 3, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of your constituent, William E. Jordan, regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Those rules have been in place for over 20 years. While they have been amended on numerous occasions since that time, they nonetheless embody regulatory concepts based on yesteryear's technology and, unless changed, will

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We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take into careful consideration all their comments. Your constituent's concerns will be fully evaluated when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change

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The Honorable Joseph Biden
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Dear Senator Biden:

RE: PR Docket 92-235

My hobby is building and flying radio controlled model airplanes. I am 61 years old and have been keenly interested in airplanes and aviation as long as I can remember. Some of my favorite planes were the fighters of WW II.

Radio controlled airplanes operate on frequencies in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is used primarily for private land dispatch operations. However, our airplane frequencies are far enough apart from the mobile frequencies that we do not interfere with one another.

The FCC now wants to re-arrange these frequencies, as per the above mentioned document. If this plan is adopted, airplane and other radio controlled model frequencies (boats and surface vehicles) would be severely restricted by increased numbers of mobile frequencies. This would cause overlap and interference on all frequencies. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 will be left if the new rules are adopted.

The most important consideration in this situation is one of safety. Please understand that model airplanes can have wing spans of 10 feet or more. Some model sailplanes (gliders), for example, can span over 20 feet. They are not toys. These large planes will weigh 40 to 60 pounds. If the pilot loses